

ABSTRACT

An ink jet device comprising at least one print head arranged to eject ink drops in a spitting operation and a spittoon arranged to store said ejected ink, the device further comprising a temporary spittoon arranged to move between first and second positions, in said first position said temporary spittoon being located in close proximity to a nozzle plate of said printhead and arranged such that ejected ink drops are directed onto a surface of said temporary spittoon, in said second position said temporary spittoon being located sufficiently distant from said nozzle plate to allow a capping or wiping operation to be performed and arranged to transfer said ink to said spittoon.